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AMURI HISTORICAL SOCIETY

- Location:* Cob Cottage Museum, Cheviot Street, Waiau.
Contents: The Museum is partly furnished as a pioneer cottage and contains many interesting items relating to the history of the district.
Open: 2-4 p.m. Sunday, other times by arrangement.
Admission: By donation.
Secretary: Miss M. M. McKie, Tekoa Street, Waiau. Phone Waiau 13.

ASHBURTON HISTORICAL SOCIETY

- Location:* 118 Cameron Street, Ashburton (formerly Hakatere College building).
Contents: The Museum has displays featuring aspects of early Ashburton and districts history.
Open: 2.30-4.30 p.m. Tuesday, Friday, Sunday, 9.30 a.m.-12 noon Wednesday.
Admission: Free
Secretary: Mr C. D. Hopkinson, 61 Bridge Street, Ashburton. Phone Ashburton 7362.
The Society holds public meetings on the fourth Thursday in March, May, July, September, November at 8 p.m. Subscription: \$4.00 adult, \$6.00 husband & wife.

ASHBURTON RAILWAY & PRESERVATION SOCIETY

- Location:* The Plains Museum, Tinwald Domain, Maronan Road, Ashburton. (200 metres over railway crossing off S.H.1 at extreme southern end of the town.)
Contents: Operating vintage railway of 1½ miles, rural history museum, pioneer village with operating printing works, church, fire station, etc.
Open: Daylight hours, train operates 2nd Sunday each month, long weekends, most other Sundays, December — March.
Admission: Free; train rides: adults 40c, children 20c.
Secretary: P.O. Box 5051, Tinwald.
Annual Subscription: adult \$4.00, junior \$1.00, family \$8.00.

ASSOCIATION OF FRIENDS OF CANTERBURY MUSEUM

First formed in 1947 to assist the Museum to become independent, now gives interested citizens opportunity to be associated with museum; has given major assistance in fund raising and making purchases and with voluntary helpers. The Association has 780 members with meetings, visits, social events and lectures monthly from February to December.

- Secretary:* Mrs M. J. Duff, C/o Canterbury Museum, Rolleston Avenue, Christchurch 1.
Telephone: Christchurch 68-379.
Subscription: \$3 individual, \$5 husband & wife, annually, \$50 life.

BARRHILL-CORWAR LODGE PRESERVATION SOCIETY

Location: Gatekeepers Lodge, approximately 18km from either Methven or Rakaia on the Rakaia-Methven highway.
Contents: Built of concrete approximately 1877, this Lodge has been restored and furnished in keeping with that period.
Open: On request.
Admission: 50c per person.
Secretary: Mrs Jan Hampton, "Kilmore," No. 2 R.D., Rakaia.
Telephone: Ashburton HGH878.

BELFAST SCHOOL HOUSE COMMITTEE

Location: 665 Main North Road, Belfast.
A local committee has been set up to preserve for posterity this two-storey cottage which is set in an attractive wooded Historic Reserve of one acre (.4 ha) on the main highway.
Secretary: Mr M. Corkin, 371 Main North Road, Christchurch 5.
Telephone: Christchurch 525-431.

CANTERBURY ARCHIVES COUNCIL

The Council comprises representatives of the Canterbury Public Library, the Canterbury Museum Library and the University of Canterbury Library. A *Canterbury Archives Bulletin* is published annually, price \$1.00. It lists new acquisitions in archives and libraries throughout Canterbury.

Secretary: Mr Graham C. Dunstall, C/o History Department, University of Canterbury, Private Bag, Christchurch.

CANTERBURY HISTORICAL ASSOCIATION

The Association holds six evening meetings a year between March and October at the History Department, University of Canterbury. Papers are presented on a wide range of topics in New Zealand history as well as in British, American, African and Asian history. Each year a visiting speaker addresses the Association.

Secretary: Dr A. R. Parsonson, History Department, University of Canterbury, Private Bag, Christchurch.

Subscription: \$4.00 annually.

CANTERBURY PILGRIMS & EARLY SETTLERS' ASSOCIATION

The Association, founded in 1923, draws its membership from those people whose forbears arrived in Canterbury before 1869. At present there are some 550 members and the Committee is anxious that this should be increased. There are no regular meetings but field trips, lectures and an annual garden party.

Secretary: Mrs M. A. Chapman, 42 Massey Crescent, Christchurch, 1 (P.O. Box 21-138) Telephone: Christchurch 554-022.

Annual

Subscription: \$3.00 single, \$5.00 husband and wife.

CANTERBURY PROVINCIAL GOVERNMENT BUILDINGS

- Location:* Corner Armagh and Durham Streets, Christchurch.
Contents: Although the Great Hall with its gloriously coloured ceiling is the highlight for most people, the free guided tours of the whole complex (built 1858-1865) cover the history and architecture of this unique, fascinating, Benjamin Mountfort masterpiece in Early and High Victorian Gothic and now, by Act of Parliament, returned to the people of Canterbury and Westland.
Open: Great Hall only — 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Monday-Friday.
Tours: Every Sunday, 2 p.m. and 3 p.m. (experienced volunteer guides). Weekdays — groups by arrangement at one week's notice.
Admission: Free.
Secretary: C/o Lands & Survey Department, Private Bag, Christchurch, Telephone Christchurch 799-760.

CANTERBURY STEAM PRESERVATION SOCIETY

- Location:* McLeans Island, Harewood, Christchurch.
Contents: The working steam museum project of the Society is being developed on thirty acres of land at McLeans Island, which is located behind Christchurch International Airport ten miles from the city centre. The first part of the complex, the steam operated bush tramway is now operating regularly during open days which are held every Sunday of each month, except December, January and February, as well as most public holidays. Picnic and barbecue facilities are available and water is laid on.
Admission: Free except for rallies and field days.
Secretary: Mr C. J. Barry, 140 Totara Street, Christchurch 4, Telephone 488-069.

CANTERBURY WOMEN'S COMMITTEE OF ASSOCIATE MEMBERS OF THE NEW ZEALAND HISTORIC PLACES TRUST

The aim of this Committee set up in 1978, is to promote the work of the Trust.

- (1) Speakers are available to give illustrated talks,
- (2) Associate Membership of the Trust is sought,
- (3) Fund raising — money to be used for Trust projects in Canterbury.

Secretary: Mrs S. O'Brien, 2 Whisby Road, Christchurch 2.
Telephone Christchurch 325-482.

CHEVIOT HISTORIC RECORDS SOCIETY INC.

- Location:* On Main North Road, Cheviot (opposite tearooms).
Contents: The Museum holds material dealing with early grazing leases, pastoral runs and their holders, and state experiment in closer land settlement under the Liberal Government's policy in the 1890's. There is also an extensive

library of photographs and maps, colonial displays.
Open: 2 p.m.-4 p.m. Saturday, Sunday. Other times by arrangement with Secretary. Talks on any aspect of Cheviot history can be organised for educational tours or other groups by prior arrangement.
Admission: Free.
Secretary: Mrs N. M. Walls, No. 3 R.D., Cheviot.
 Telephone: Cheviot 547.
Subscription: \$2.00 annually, \$25 life.

CHRISTCHURCH CIVIC TRUST INC.

Formed in 1965 to promote care for and preservation of the beauty, history and character of the City, to create new features of beauty and promote high standards in architecture, building and town planning.

Secretaries: B. N. Alexander and J. Brandts-Giesen, P.O. Box 1543, Christchurch.

Subscription: \$2 individual per year, \$10 endowment available to companies and businesses per year, \$50 life.

DIAMOND HARBOUR HISTORICAL ASSOCIATION

Covers the southern side of Lyttelton Harbour from Teddington to the Heads and Port Levy.

Secretary: Mrs P. H. Stapylton-Smith, Beach House, Camp Bay.
 Telephone: Christchurch DHB716.

Subscription: \$2 single, \$3 family annually.

DUNSANDEL HISTORIC SOCIETY

The Society plans the erection of a museum for the display and storage of old photographs, club records and archival material.

Chairwoman: Mrs J. R. Allan, "Gift Farm", Old South Road, R.D. Dunsandel. Telephone: Dunsandel 1.

FERRYMEAD HISTORIC PARK

Location: 269 Bridle Path Road, Christchurch 2.

Contents: The Park is the result of a unique community project mounted by 18 historically-based societies and 5 local authorities. The Park covers over 100 acres including the site of New Zealand's first public steam railway. The Museum has major working collections of railway, tramway and fire-fighting artifacts, displayed around an operating township; bakery, motor garage, blacksmith, rural history, aeronautical, electrical, printing and phonograph.

Open: 10 a.m.-4.30 p.m. daily, except Christmas Day.

Admission: \$1.50 adults, \$1.00 children, \$5.00 family.
 Educational and conducted tours by arrangement.

Director: Mr D. R. Muir, Telephone Christchurch 841-708 or 841-970.

FRIENDS OF FERRYMEAD FRATERNITY, INC.

Founded in 1969 to "Lend a hand" to the infant transport museum, the Friends have made two major contributions: the tea kiosk and the restoration at Ferrymead of the home of George Gordon, the first Christchurch Town Clerk, 1862-75. All members can participate in this fascinating exercise of recapturing the past.

For membership (\$3 per annum) ring Mrs N. E. Brittenden, President, Christchurch 557-610.

HORORATA HISTORIC SOCIETY, INC.

Location: Coton's Cob Cottage, Hororata.

Contents: Restored rammed clay cottage originally built by Bentley Coton in 1864. Presently used to house collection of historic articles later to be moved to museum building, when cottage will be furnished in period style.

Open: On request.

Admission: By donation.

Secretary: Mrs M. Oliver, "Burnley", R.D.2, Hororata.

Telephone: Hororata 720.

KAIAPOI & DISTRICTS HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Location: Williams Street, Kaiapoi (above Public Library).

Contents: The museum contains a wide range of material relating to the history of Kaiapoi and the surrounding district. Special display of material from the Kaiapoi Woollen Mills, which closed in 1979.

Open: 2-4 p.m. Sunday, Thursday; school parties by arrangement.

Admission: Adults — silver coin, children free.

Secretary: Miss E. L. Hamel, 43 Fuller Street, Kaiapoi.

Telephone: Kaiapoi 8351.

LANGLOIS-ETEVENEAUX HOUSE & MUSEUM

Location: Corner Rue Lavaud & Rue Balguerie, Akaroa.

Contents: The house is a relic of Akaroa's settlement by French colonists and the interior is furnished in that period. The modern museum displays relics of the history of Banks Peninsula and is a unique recollection of early days.

Open: 1.30-4.30 p.m. Labour weekend to Easter.

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daily except Christmas Day, New Year's Day & Good Friday.

Admission: Free, but donations most acceptable.

Curator: Mrs Lois Armstrong, Telephone: Akaroa 81D or 115.

LIFFEY COTTAGE ACTION COMMITTEE

- Location:* Liffey Cottage was moved onto its new site in Lincoln on 24th February, 1977. It is being restored to its original condition and will then be furnished as a folk museum.
- Secretary:* Mrs P. A. Woodward, 4 Maurice Street, Lincoln.
Telephone: Lincoln 737.

LOCAL HISTORY STUDY GROUP of the Canterbury Branch of the Federation of University Women.

The Group was originally formed to write the history of the local Branch of the Federation and has since produced a local history, "Sydenham, the Model Borough of Old Christchurch" and is now working on a history of St Albans.

- Convenor:* Miss Shona Mann, 55 Plynlimon Road, Christchurch 5.
Telephone: Christchurch 519-411.

LYTTELTON HARBOUR VINTAGE HOMES CLUB

The Club was formed in 1979 to preserve the colonial character of the old houses surrounding Lyttelton Harbour. Meetings are held once a month with workshop evenings and guest speakers.

- Secretary:* Mr L. Stevenson, 34 St Davids Street, Lyttelton.
Telephone: Christchurch LYT7191.
- Subscription:* \$5.00 annually per household.
\$2.00 annually pensioners.

LYTTELTON HISTORICAL MUSEUM

- Location:* Norwich Quay, Lyttelton (formerly Merchant Seamen's Building).
- Contents:* Features maritime subjects, early local history, Antarctic relics and photographs, paintings of Lyttelton.
- Open:* 2-4 p.m. Sunday. Other hours to be arranged.
- Admission:* Free.
- Curator:* Mr B. Norris, P.O. Box 91, Lyttelton.
Telephone: Christchurch SUM6998.

LYTTELTON TIMEBALL STATION

- Location:* 2 Reserve Terrace, Lyttelton.
- Contents:* Overlooking Lyttelton Harbour, this is the only remaining Timeball Station in New Zealand and one of only four in the world in full working order.
- Open:* Daily — 10 a.m.-12 noon, 1 p.m.-4 p.m.
- Admission:* Adults 50c, Children 15c, Family Groups \$1.30 (two adults, two or more children).
- Bookings:* Necessary for tour parties, school groups, etc.
- Custodian:* Mrs C. H. Wiltshire, Telephone Christchurch LYT7311.
- ADMINISTERED BY THE NEW ZEALAND HISTORIC PLACES TRUST**

METHVEN HISTORICAL SOCIETY

- Location:* Bank Street, Methven.
Contents: Large collection of photographs and materials relating to Mt Hutt area.
Open: On request.
Admission: By donation.
Secretary: Miss Jean Kilworth, 4 Mackie Street, Methven.
Subscription: \$1 per annum, \$25 life.

NEW ZEALAND HISTORICAL ASSOCIATION

The Association was founded jointly in 1979 by the six university history departments, and is for the present based in Christchurch. Its aim is to provide a national organisation promoting the interests of history in New Zealand, and appealing to all interested in this cause: historical societies, teachers' colleges, schools, librarians, archivists, and others. It publishes a newsletter twice a year. The Association organizes both national and regional conferences.

- Secretary:* Dr G. W. Rice, History Department, University of Canterbury, Private Bag, Christchurch.
Subscription: \$8.00 per annum.

OKAINS BAY MAORI & COLONIAL MUSEUM

- Location:* Okains Bay, Banks Peninsula.
Contents: A collection of pre-European and contact-period Maori art and artifacts. Replica of Maori meeting house; restored Maori war canoe; early colonial buildings; bullock and horse-drawn vehicles; examples of early agricultural and other machinery; fossil collection.
Open: 10 a.m.-5 p.m. daily except Christmas Day.
Admission: adults \$1.00, children 50c
Director: Mr M. Thacker, Okains Bay.
Telephone: Okains Bay 485.

OXFORD HISTORICAL RECORDS SOCIETY

- Location:* Main Street, Oxford.
Contents: Museum contains material relating to the early history of Oxford; collections of early photographs and a model of an early sawmill.
Open: To open late 1980.
Admission:
Secretary: Mr F. Engelbrecht, Park Avenue, Oxford.
Telephone: Rangiora OX24-198.

RANGIORA & DISTRICTS EARLY RECORDS SOCIETY, INC.

- Location:* Good Street, Rangiora.
Contents: The museum has a wide range of exhibits relating to the history of the area, including an extensive photographic display. Pioneer Cottage, built of sundried bricks has been erected in the grounds of the museum and furnished in colonial style.
The Society has a membership of 150 and meets monthly.
Open: 2-4.30 p.m. Sunday, or by arrangement.
Admission: Adults 40c, children 10c.
Secretary: Mrs D. Gregory, 96 Church Street, Rangiora.
Telephone: Rangiora 7578.

ROYAL FOREST & BIRD PROTECTION SOCIETY OF N.Z. INC. CANTERBURY BRANCH

- Secretary:* Dr K. M. Matthews, 82B Ranfurly Street, Christchurch 1.
Telephone: Christchurch 50-474.

SUMMIT ROAD SOCIETY

The Society was formed in 1948 to co-ordinate public opinion, raise finance and carry out projects for the improvement of the Port Hills-Akaroa Summit Road, its walking tracks and Scenic Reserves, and has had considerable success. A booklet "The Summit Road, Christchurch" is available for 75c.

- Secretary:* Miss A. Henderson, 76 Tomes Road, Christchurch 5.
Telephone: Christchurch 528-058.
Subscription: \$2 annually, \$10 five years, \$25 life.

SUMNER-REDCLIFFS HISTORICAL SOCIETY

- Location:* Old Council Chambers, corner Nayland Street and Wakefield Avenue, Sumner.
Contents: Artifacts and photographs illustrating the history of the original Sumner Borough from Godley Head to Heathcote Bridge. The Society, with over 300 members, has monthly activities such as meetings, field trips, guest speakers.
Open: 2-4 p.m. Sunday, or by arrangement.
Admission: Free.
Secretary: Mrs S. M. Rule, 5 Main Road, Redcliffs, Christchurch 8.
Telephone: Christchurch 841-159.
Subscription: Ordinary \$3.00, Senior Citizen \$2.00, Family \$5.00 p.a.

TIPTREE

- Location:* Savills Road, Harewood.
Contents: Cob Cottage constructed in early 1860's. Two storeys of cob with half-storey of wood above. The outstanding surviving example of cob construction in Canterbury. Fitted out as a museum of early colonial life with wide range of clothing, ornaments, utensils, etc.
Open: From 2 p.m. second Sunday each month; parties by arrangement.
Enquiries to: Mr & Mrs Bruce Gregg, 505 Harewood Road, Christchurch 5. Telephone Christchurch 598-837.

TUG LYTTTELTON PRESERVATION SOCIETY, INC.

Formed in 1973 to preserve the Harbour Board's former tug "Lyttelton" built in 1907 and unique in the Southern Hemisphere. Cruises on the harbour are held most weekends from November to May; other weekends the ship — with a small museum of maritime interest in the Master's Cabin — can be visited in port.

- Secretary:* Mrs R. Robinson, 39 Panorama Road, Christchurch
Telephone: Christchurch SUM5013.

WAIPARA COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY

- Location:* Hawarden Township.
Contents: The collection is housed in an old church and features room setting displays as well as a shop (circa 1914); photographic display and many other interesting items; several models displaying fine clothing over 100 years old.
Open: By appointment — contact given on door notice.
Admission: Free.
Secretary: Mr D. J. Dalzell, Hawarden.

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CANTERBURY MUSEUM



ROLLESTON AVENUE, CHRISTCHURCH

Hours: 10 a.m. to 4.30 p.m., Monday to
Saturday, 2 to 4.30 p.m. Sunday